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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for her helpful comments conveyed in a telephone interview with Applicant's attorney on September 9, 2004.

The interview was attended by Examiner Goldberg and Applicant's attorney Janet MacLeod. No exhibits were shown and no demonstrations were conducted. Claims 1, 3-15, 17 and 19-23 and prior art references U.S. Patent No. 6,020,137 to Lapidus et al. ("Lapidus et al.") and WO98/28440 to Nyren et al. ("Nyren-2") were discussed. Applicant's attorney argued that Lapidus et al. fail to teach sequential addition of non-chain terminating nucleotides, and that the method of Nyren-2 would not have been expected to be useful for allele frequency determination. Agreement was not reached.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests an additional one-month extension of time for filing the RCE and encloses a check in payment of the fee in an amount of the difference between a three and two month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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